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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Secretary's Office Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Choice Wireless, LC

Fourth Quarter 2003 TTY Status Report - CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Choice Wireless, I.C, hereby submit a TTY Status Report for the fourth quarter 2003, pursuant to the Commission's directive in the *Fourth Report and Order* (released December 14, 2000) and Order (released June 28, 2002)<sup>1</sup> in this docket.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

By

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Attachment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, Order, CC Docket 94-102, para. 24 (rel. June 28, 2002) (Commission requiring that quarter reports continue for carriers seeking additional time).

## CHOICE WIRELESS, LC TTY STATUS REPORT January 15, 2004

Choice Wireless, LC ("Choice Wireless" or "Company") filed a Petition for Waiver of the TTY requirements on June 21, 2002. The Amended Petition addressed the status of the Company's efforts to comply with the TTY requirements and requested extension of the deadline until the Company is able to obtain the necessary financing to allow it to implement a TTY solution in the most efficient and expeditious manner.

As previously reported, Choice Wireless is dependent upon its PCS vendor, Airnet, as well as handset manufacturers, to make its digital system compatible with TTY devices.<sup>2</sup> In its Amended Petition, the Company reported that the quote Airnet provided to the Company to implement the software once it has been tested still remains above \$338,000.<sup>3</sup> The Company also reported that it is not able to purchase the Airnet TTY solution or replace the Airnet facilities because it is experiencing financial hardships and has been unsuccessful in obtaining necessary capital.<sup>4</sup>

Choice Wireless hereby reports that Airnet has reduced its quote to implement the software to \$133,000.<sup>5</sup> Although the Company recently has begun to see improvement in its cash flow, it still does not possess the necessary capital to replace the Airnet facilities or purchase the TTY solution, even at this reduced price.<sup>6</sup> Because it is unable to obtain necessary capital to make the upgrades and other necessary improvements to its facilities, the Company has been actively seeking a buyer. The Company hereby reports that it has entered into negotiations with a potential buyer and will provide the Commission with further details if and when a purchase agreement is finalized.

See Choice Wireless, LC Petition for Waiver of Section 20.18(c) of the Commission's Rules and the Deadlines Established in the Fourth Report and Order, CC Docket No. 94-102, filed June 21, 2002 ("Petition"). The Petition was amended on October 21, 2003 ("Amended Petition"). The Amended Petition remains pending before the Commission and served as the Company's most recent quarterly report.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Petition at 3.

Amended Petition at 5. Choice Wireless reported that Airnet has yet to test the software in a development environment. Id. at 4.

<sup>4</sup> Amended Petition at 5-6.

As noted in the Amended Petition, Choice Wireless and other Airnet customers have been meeting with Airnet in an effort to persuade the vendor to provide the software at more reasonable prices. See Amended Petition at 5. The reduction appears to be in response to these efforts.

As indicated in the Amended Petition, the Company will provide financial information under seal if requested. See Amended Petition at 6, n.17.

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The Company hereby reports that it has informed subscribers through billing inserts of the system's TTY limitations and is continuing to train employees as to how to explain the delay to potential new customers who use TTY devices.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Rohmer

Chief Financial Officer

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